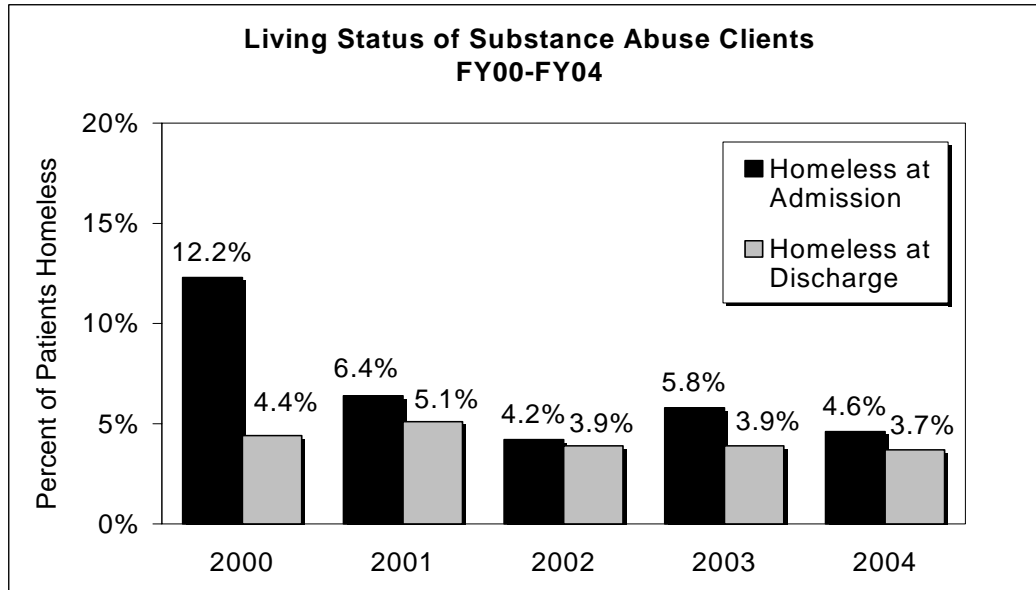


CLIENTS WITH IMPROVED LIVING CONDITIONS

Source: Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health



Definition: Each client's living arrangement is evaluated upon admission into substance abuse treatment. They are classified as either being homeless, dependent (i.e., halfway house) or independent (own, rent, or live with family/friends). Beginning in FY00, the Division began tracking the living arrangements of clients as they leave treatment in order to evaluate the effectiveness of treatment in assisting clients to find and maintain an independent living environment.

Analysis: Because a stable living environment is a critical element in achieving long-term successful results from substance abuse treatment, the treatment providers across Utah work very hard to assist clients in establishing a more stable living situation. The

above graph indicates that in FY04, 4.6% of clients were homeless when they entered treatment. At discharge, 3.7% were homeless—a 20% reduction in homelessness.

Future Actions: Research around the country has repeatedly shown that a stable living environment is a key ingredient to achieving successful outcomes in substance abuse treatment. The substance abuse treatment field therefore continues to place significant emphasis on helping clients achieve and maintain a stable living environment.